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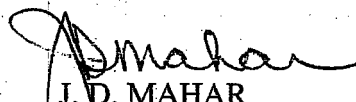
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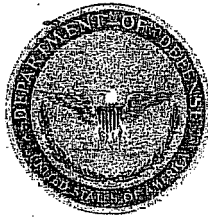
Subject: Announcement of the Award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. Under the provisions of DoD Directive 1348.33-M, September 1996, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement to Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, during the period 1 May 2007 to 30 April 2008. This award is for personnel assigned to the Headquarters only. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of the unit are not eligible for this award.

2. The Unit Streamer (FSN 8345-01-169-5944), Service Ribbons (FSN 8455-01-170-5143 for Army) and (FSN 8455-01-170-5144 for USAF, USN, USMC), and civilian lapel buttons (FSN 8455-01-348-0488) may be obtained from normal supply channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:

  
J. D. MAHAR  
Chief, Staff Management Branch



## Citation

*to accompany the award of the*

# Joint Meritorious Unit Award

*to*

## *Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq*

The Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, from 1 May 2007 to 30 April 2008. The Command led the effort to support the Prime Minister's Initiative to modernize the Iraqi Security Forces. These modernization efforts included the effective training and equipping of nearly 100,000 additional forces for the Minister of Defense and the Minister of Interior thus significantly advancing the Government of Iraq's efforts to restore civil authority and self-reliance for a nation of 26 million people. The Command established the Joint Headquarters Transition Team and the Iraqi National Counterterrorism Force Transition Team to help fortify Iraq's expanding capacity to generate Multi-Disciplinary Forces. Comptrollers achieved an accelerated execution of 4.5 billion dollars in congressionally-appropriated funds critical to maintaining the momentum of support to the nation of Iraq. These funds provided engineers the catalyst to improve infrastructure and execute pivotal projects to include the Baghdad Operations Center, new police stations, border security projects, and plans to facilitate new bases for their Navy, Air Force, and Special Operations Forces. The Command completed nine Level II Medical Clinics and trained personnel to serve Iraqi Security Forces and local populations. The Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq Security Assistance Office ordered over one billion dollars worth of equipment through the Foreign Military Sales process thus establishing in Iraq a corruption free acquisition process consistent with global markets and the modern age. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, have brought great credit to themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January 2009

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mike Mullen", followed by a horizontal line.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff